Pressure on civic amenities in Metropolitan cities

2766. SHRI T. T. V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the metropolitan cities are facing increased shortage of water, power etc., as a result of growing population;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to handle the situation; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to discourage migration to metropolis from the rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. In order to provide reform linked Central assistance for development of infrastructure, including water supply, in all cities/towns of the country, there is a proposal for National Urban Renewal Mission for select cities and Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns. Details in this regard have not been finalized.

Infrastructure Development Schemes in Chennai

2767. SHRI S. P. M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for infrastructure development under progress in Chennai; and

(b) the names, cost and the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): a) and (b) As per information provided by the nodal agency designated by the State Government, 201 projects have been sanctioned so far for Chennai Mega City under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Infrastructure Development in Mega Cities. Of these 39 projects are under progress. The details of these projects are given in the Statement.